

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 18, as follows:

Mixing finely divided particles of the waxy solid, smaller than 10 μm (e. g. particles of Acumist A-12 oxidized polyethylene homopolymer obtained from Honeywell) into oil at a temperature below the melting point of the waxy solid, then subjecting the mixture to the same amount of energy in the same high-shear mixing equipment as used for the colloidal solution while not allowing the temperature to rise to 49°C, fails to form a gel having the same hardness (ASTM D-5) or stiffness (as yield point measured by a penetrometer) as one formed from a colloidal solution, which, when the gel is formed, is rapidly cooled to below 49°C (120°F) about 38°C (100 °F). It appears that rapidly cooling the gel "sets" or "freezes" the size of the micron-sized particles in the dispersed phase, and it is the presence of such particles which appears to be critical to formation of the gel.